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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED HEARINGS: STRAUSS AND HAUSER

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1. CHARGES BY FORMER LOCKHEED REPRESENTATIVE IN GERMANY
THAT CSU PARTY CHAIRMAN FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS RECEIVED
MONEY FOR THE PARTY FROM LOCKHEED AS PART OF FRG PURCHASE
OF F-104'S CONTINUES TO BE ITEM OF ATTENTION FOR GERMAN
PRESS. DEUTSCHE PRESSE AGENTUR (DPA) ON MARCH 5 REPORTED
A SPEECH BY STRAUSS THE PREVIOUS NIGHT IN WHICH HE
SUGGESTED THAT HAUSER WAS CONNECTED WITH THE KGB.
STRAUSS REPORTEDLY CITED INCIDENTS IN 1959 AND 1960 IN
WHICH THE KGB "DISINFORMATION SECTION" PAINTED NAZI
SLOGANS ON SYNAGOGUES IN GERMANY AS EVIDENCE THAT THE
KGB WAS CAPABLE OF SUCH ACTIVITY. STRAUSS SAID HE WOULD
NOT BE SURPRISED IF HAUSER HAD CONNECTIONS WITH THE KGB
DURING THE SAME TIME. STRAUSS SAID THAT HE WANTED THE
WHOLE TRUTH LAID ON THE TABLE. HE SAID HE WAS NOT
GUILTY NOR DID HE FEEL GUILTY.

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2. HELPING TO KEEP THE STORY ALIVE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE

MAGAZINE DER SPIEGEL OF FEBRUARY 23. (DER SPIEGEL AND STRAUSS HAVE A LONG-STANDING ANTAGONISM.) THE ARTICLE UNDERTAKES TO PROVE THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STRAUSS AND HAUSER WAS MUCH CLOSER THAN STRAUSS, WHO HAS SAID THAT HAUSER WAS NOT A CLOSE FRIEND, WOULD ADMIT. IT CONTAINS EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS FROM STRAUSS TO HAUSER WHICH, IN THE MAGAZINE'S VIEW, SHOW A CLOSE FRIENDSHIP. DER SPIEGEL REPORTS THAT STRAUSS IN 1961 WROTE TO LOCKHEED BOARD CHAIRMAN ROBERT GROSS ASKING THAT HAUSER BE GIVEN A POSITION WITH LOCKHEED IN KOBLENZ WHERE THE FRG ARMED FORCES HAS ITS PROCUREMENT OFFICE. DER SPIEGEL ALSO PRINTED PHOTOSTATS OF THE CHECK FOR DM 4800 THAT STRAUSS HAS ADMITTED GIVING HAUSER AS A LOAN IN 1963. THE CHECK WAS DRAWN ON A CSU ACCOUNT RATHER THAN ON STRAUSS'S PRIVATE ACCOUNT. STRAUSS REPORTEDLY EXPLAINED THIS BY SAYING THAT HAUSER WAS ENGAGED IN A PUBLIC RELATIONS TASK IN WHICH THE CSU WAS INTERESTED AND THE LOAN WAS FOR EXPENSES CONNECTED THERETO. HILLENBRAND

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